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This evening E and I went to a Barbecue Reception at the Hurlingham Club, This affair, given by the European-Atlantic Group and the Anglo-Texan Society, was presided over by Lord Bossom and a number of other people prominent in political and social activities. I had not been to Hurlingham for many years. The clubhouse itself has a [redacted] beautiful facade, and the grounds, especially when one considers they are surrounded by dwellings, are remarkable for spaciousness. Unhappily, the polo fields, where so many famous matches were played, have been eliminated, but tennis, bowling, and other sports persist. There was an enormous chicken and sausage barbecue, somewhat simulating the Texas practice. Other Ambassadors, including the French and Swiss, were present, and there was a miscellany of acquaintances and friends. Since it was a sunny afternoon, we were all out of doors. It was a gay party.

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Soblen, the spy sentenced to life imprisonment, who escaped to Israel, was brought here two days ago [redacted] by plane. In the course of his trip, although guarded by US marshals, he stabbed himself in the abdomen with a table knife, and also slashed his left wrist. He is being detained under guard in a British hospital, and we have had numerous conferences as to what to do with him. His physical condition is bad; it is possible he will die. Otherwise, it looks as if he might be in hospital for some weeks before being sent home.

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